Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Reading is the cornerstone of education, allowing each individual to pursue knowledge; and,

Whereas, Knowledge is the finest asset we give to our children and the catalyst for achieving great things in life; and,

Whereas, The love of books and reading, passed from adult to child, from generation to generation, and from peer to peer, is a lifelong treasure that helps uncover the secrets of the universe; and,

Whereas, First Lady Jean Rounds has been diligent in her efforts to educate the public regarding the importance of reading to children, and does so herself, as she reads favorite children's books in schools and libraries across the state; and,

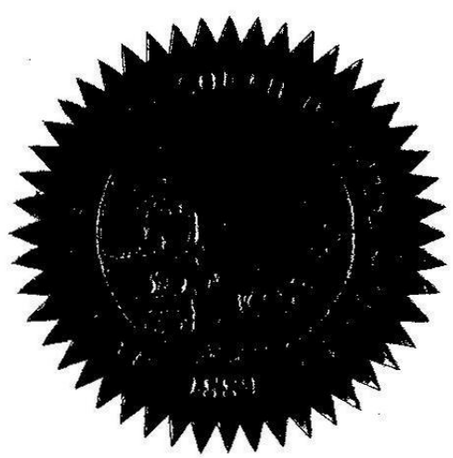
Whereas, Children's Book Week, a celebration of the written word, will encourage young people to discover the complexity of the world beyond their own experience; and,

Whereas, Let's Book, the theme chosen by the Children's Book Council for the 85th annual observance of Children's Book Week, promotes the enjoyment of books for young people:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 15-21, 2004, as

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to join in the celebration of books for young people.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State